

To: OHVMR Division
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Thank you for allowing me to comment on the 2008-2009 Preliminary Grant proposals.

I have reviewed the grants submitted by the Sierra National Forest. I am in full support of the all the grant proposals with the exception of the Planning grant submitted by the Bass Lake Ranger District. This type of planning opportunity should be broadened to the entire Sierra National Forest. The basic concept of this proposal to sustain an ohv system is positive and should be done at a forest wide level. I cannot support the element of restoration planning within this proposal and ask that the proposal be revised to strike any planning efforts to develop restoration projects by green sticker funds.

Well over 90% of the trails that were legally available to the riding public were created by projects planned and designed by the Forest Service. Examples include temporary roads, skid trails, power line roads, etc. All were planned and authorized by the Forest under a project supported by funding other than green sticker funding. I do not want restoration of these types routes funded by green sticker funds. The forest should seek other funding sources to develop and administer restoration plans for these types of projects.

Please remove the restoration segment and expand this planning effort to include all of the Sierra National Forest.

Sincerely

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